

newsline extra

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Trustee workshop focuses on hiring public library directors

Next Thursday, December 15, the Missouri State Library will sponsor a new public library trustee workshop, "Hire that Director." The workshop will focus on strategies for choosing a public library director and will take participants step-by-step through the hiring process. The session will also cover contracts, probationary periods, and termination procedures.

To make sure trustees from around the state have an opportunity to attend, the state library has arranged to videoconference the session to six different libraries. The session will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and no registration is required. Library directors and staff are also welcome.

Every trustee in the state received a workshop flyer in the mail, but the state library encourages public library directors to remind their trustees of this opportunity and encourage them to attend.

"Hire That Director" will be broadcast from the St. Charles City-County Library Administrative Office in St. Peters. Trustees may attend at that location or any of the following libraries:

- Springfield-Greene County Library Center in Springfield
- Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph
- Northeast Missouri Library Service in Kahoka
- Mississippi County Library in Charleston
- Little Dixie Regional Library in Moberly

The workshop is the first in a series on trustee topics, and trustees should watch their mail for future training announcements. For additional information, contact Michaela Hansen, 800-325-0131, ext. 11, or michaela.hansen@sos.mo.gov.

Additional ALA bookshelf grants available

The American Library Association (ALA) recently announced the third *We the People Bookshelf* project. Part of the National Endowment of the Humanities' *We the People* initiative, the *Bookshelf* is a grant program created to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. This year's theme is "Becoming American."

For the first time, ALA will award sets of the 15 classic books to 2,000 school and public libraries. This is four times the number of "bookshelves" awarded in past rounds and ALA encourages libraries to take advantage of this easy opportunity to acquire free books.

Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme to students and patrons. All applications are due by January 17, 2006.

To access the application and additional information, visit www.ala.org/wethepeople.

MOREnet offers system security training

MOREnet has partnered with the SANS Institute (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security) to bring "Security 508: System Forensics, Investigation, and Response" to Columbia with discount registration for library employees. Security 508 will present forensic techniques and tools in a lab-style, hands-on setting for both Windows and Linux investigations. Participants will learn to master a variety of operating systems, investigation techniques, incident response tactics, and even legal issues.

The event is scheduled for June 12-17, 2006 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia. Public, academic, and school libraries are eligible to register for the reduced price of \$1,000. The SANS Institute requires a minimum of 125 people registered to attend by March 1, 2006, in order for MOREnet to hold the course. In the event that minimum is not met, registration fees will be returned. Registration and additional details are available on the MOREnet Web site, at www.more.net/security.

If your library is interested in attending but needs financial support, this event is eligible for the Missouri State Library's Show Me Steps to Career Development grant. Library staff members can apply for the grant to help defray registration and travel expenses for continuing education opportunities. Applications for the grant must be submitted at least six weeks prior to registration. Download the Show Me Steps grant application at http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/Show-MeSteps_SF2005.pdf.

Host jazz discussion series at the library

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced a new collaboration with National Video Resources and Jazz at Lincoln Center to bring a new film discussion series to libraries. "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form" is a six-part, scholar-led film viewing and discussion series that explores the history of jazz music, an art form that evolved in the 20th century to occupy a unique place in American cultural history. Themes for the six programs in the series are: New Orleans: The Birthplace of Jazz; The Jazz Age and the 1920s; The Women of Jazz; The Jazz Swing Era; Jazz Innovators: From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool and More; and Latin Jazz.

Fifty applicants will be selected to participate in the project. In addition to public, academic, and special libraries, any nonprofit institution including museums, concert halls, and jazz societies may apply for the grant. Successful applicants will receive the documentaries on DVD, accompanying program materials, training for the applicant's program coordinator, and a \$1,000 grant toward travel and other eligible expenses.

Libraries and organizations interested in presenting the series can download the application and guidelines at www.ala.org/publicprograms or www.nvr.org. Applications must be received by February 10, 2006.

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